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Re: U.S. Serial No. 10/802,805 filed March 18, 2004  
Entitled "Isolated Human Lipase Proteins, Nucleic Acid Molecules Encoding  
Human Lipase Proteins, and Uses Thereof"  
Atty. Docket No.: CL001186 DIVII

Please find attached a response to the Office Action mailed on August 24, 2006 for the  
above-identified application.

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Merkulov et al.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
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*By Facsimile*

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on March 24, 2006 from Examiner Young in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above-referenced application.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II, drawn to an antibody.

Applicants have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected Groups I, III-XI.

Please amend the application as follows: